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1. AFTER READING SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL SEPTEMBER 20, URI LUBRANI, UNOFFICIAL ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HERE, DESCRIBED JERUSALEM POST STORY AS "QUITE ACCURATE".

2. MEIR AMIT, HEAD OF KOOR, WHO AAS ALSO PRESENT, EXPLAINED TO ME THAT HIS COMPANY HAS A JOINT VENTURE INTEREST IN ONE JETTY AT BANDAR-E-SHAHPUR WITH PRIVATE IRANIAN BUSINESSMEN. IT IS THIS JETTY WHICH ACCOMMODATES THESE CONTAINER SHIPS FROM ISRAEL. INCIDENTALLY, AMIT TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE VISITED BANDER-E-SHAHPUR ON SEPTEMBER 18, THERE WERE SOME 58 SHIPS WAITING IN THE GULF TO LAND THEIR CARGOES. THIS FIGURE TENDS TO BELIE THE STORY THAT PORT CONGESTION IN IRAN HAS BEEN REDUCED. AMIT NOTED THAT THE ACTUAL UNLOADING OF SHIPS AT THE DOCKS WAS NOT BEING HANDLED WITH ANY MORE SPEED OR EFFICIENCY THAN IN THE PAST. THIS IS PROBABLY IN PART RELATED TO THE LACK OF ADEQUATE TRANSPORT TO CARRY GOODS AWAY FROM THE HARBOR AREA.

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